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GUIDELINES FOR TRANSEXUALS

Our newest, long-awaited pamphlet is now available!

How do I choose a doctor? Do I have to change my name in court? What changes can I expect when I take hormones? Should I tell my children I am a transexual? Will electrolysis remove my beard permanently? When should I begin to go out in cross-dress?

These questions and many more are answered in **GUIDELINES FOR TRANSEXUALS,** a practical handbook of advice and information covering most situations—medical, legal, personal—that the pre- and post-operative transexual is likely to encounter. To ensure its continuing usefulness, we plan to update this pamphlet as needed. You can help by sending us questions and suggestions that we may have overlooked.

The following EEF pamphlets are available: Information for the Family of the Transexual; Legal Aspects of Transexualism; An Outline of Medical Management of the Transexual (this pamphlet is available only to medical professionals). Requests for pamphlets and relevant reprints should be addressed to our Baton Rouge office with $1.00 enclosure to cover handling and postage.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Harry Benjamin Fourth International Symposium on Gender Identity will be held at the Stanford University Medical Center, sponsored by the Stanford Gender Dysphoria Program, February 27 through March 1, 1975.

Those wishing to present papers should submit abstracts no latter than October 1, 1974, to Donald R. Laub, M.D., Division of Plastic Surgery, Stanford University Medical Center, Calif. 94306.

Information details will be available to professionals who would like to attend.

The Proceedings of the Second Interdisciplinary Symposium on Gender Dysphoria Syndrome held in 1973 can be ordered from the Division of Plastic Surgery, R. 213, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, Calif. 94306. $10.00.

FOUNDATION FUTURE

At the November, 1973, meeting of the EEF Board of Directors it was agreed that the Foundation continue to see its role as coordinator and catalyst in the field of psychosexual research, in view of the need which is not being covered elsewhere. The service to transexuals and professionals will continue, the publication of pamphlets and the NEWSLETTER, distribution of information to organizations and institutions, as well as the role of clearing house for speakers, research library, guidance, etc., but no financial help.

We will place more emphasis on publication of material in the psychosexual field—a book on sexual impairment and deficit is currently in preparation.

The Foundation will extend its interest in unorthodox methods of healing as well as in psychoenergetics, in the area of publications and the circulation of information as well as conferences. The possibility of cooperating in an international meeting of parapsychologists in Europe in 1975 is under consideration.

PARIS IN JULY

The First International Congress of Medical Sexology, sponsored by the French Minister of Public Health and the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, will be held at the Sorbonne, July 3-6, 1974. Organized by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, the program will include scientific sessions and round table discussions covering gender identity differentiation, frigidity, causes and therapy of male impotency, etc.

EEF will participate in the session on transexualism. Panelists will include Dr. John Money, Dr. Richard Green, Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld and Dr. Leo Wollman.

LONDON CONFERENCE

A professional symposium on gender identity medical, psychosexual and social problems will be held at Kings Cross Training Center, London, England, July 13-14, 1974, under the co-sponsorship of ACCESS and the Erickson Educational Foundation. ACCESS is a British organization concerned with the social and emotional problems of human sexuality.

IN ENGLAND

A national conference on "Transvestism and Transexualism in Modern Society" was held in March at Leeds University under the auspices of the Beaumont Society. Among the speakers were Elizabeth Ferris, M.D. and Mrs. Doreen Cordell, of London. Dr. Ferris, who attended the Third International Symposium on Gender Identity in Dubrovnik, recently visited the U. S. in connection with research for her forthcoming book on gender identity. Mrs. Cordell is director of counseling of Access.

IN LITTLE ROCK

EEF was represented at the 5th Annual Workshop Seminar of the National Association Police Community Relations Officers—"Law Enforcement . . . A Shared Responsibility," in March. Following a hospitality hour co-hosted by EEF with the Little Rock Police Dept., the film, "I'm Something Else," was projected in an audio-visual aids program. Literature on transexualism was distributed—of special interest was the new EEF pamphlet, **"INFORMATION ON TRANSEXUALISM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS."**

Sergeant Elliott Blackstone of the San Francisco Police Community Relations Department assisted in the presentation. Sgt. Blackstone, who is consultant for the EEF-sponsored Transexual Counseling Service, has given presentations on transexualism to Bay Area police training groups.

IN CONNECTICUT

We are pleased to announce that the New England Gender Identity Clinic, Inc., has been established with Dr. Michael Baggish of Mt. Sinai Hospital, Hartford, as co-ordinator. Persons seeking information may communicate with The Reverend Clinton R. Jones The George W. Henry Foundation, 45 Church Street, Hartford, Conn. 06103 (203) 522-2646.

SUCCESS STORY

"We Finally Made It" rejoiced the flyer announcing the Grand Opening of a new supermarket in a Western New York city. The 13,000 shiny square foot enterprise with its fully stocked shelves attested to the dual achievement of its owner. Up until 1970 Pat struggled as a female-to-male transexual in the female anatomical role, as college student and checker in a supermarket. Moving to another city and assuming the male role, Pat was able to rise in the economic scale in accordance with his abilities and become a manager. He promised his fiancee that they would own their own supermarket in five years. Following surgery, marriage took place and the monumental effort to fulfill his promise.

We congratulate Pat and his family and look forward to their future progress.

JUSTICE?

We deplore the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States has "declined to review the conviction of a Houston man for violating a city ordinance prohibiting any person from dressing as a member of the opposite sex. (No. 73-627, Mayes v. Texas). Dissenting Douglas."

Toni Mayes was cross-dressing under the direction of her physician who had been giving her hormone treatment for several years. She has had sex reassignment surgery recently and is now functioning as a woman.

Hundreds of preoperative transexuals are carrying identity cards from EEF, the Center for Special Problems in San Francisco and the Stanford program, as well as doctors' letters stating they are required to cross-dress as a prerequisite to surgery.

This is a matter that requires further study and attention from various angles. Chicago Circuit Court Judge Jack Sperling invoked the 14th Amendment when he declared the Chicago ordinance on cross-dressing unconstitutional, as it violated the rights of equal protection under the law, commenting that current clothing styles have made the definition of men's and women's clothing impossible.

PAMPHLET PUBLICITY

Inquiries are coming in from psychiatrists all over the country requesting our pamphlets, **MEDICAL MANAGEMENT AND THE TRANSEXUAL,** and **COUNSELING THE TRANSEXUAL.** as a result of the announcement in **PSYCHIATRIC NEWS,** an American Medical Association journal.

We also deeply appreciate recent mention given to our material in other professional journals. The NEWSLETTER of the American Association of Sex Educators and Counselors announced our **INFORMATION ON TRANSEXUALISM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** under the heading "Sex and the Law." THE HOT LINE—**Community Relations and the Administration of Justice,** journal of The National Conference of Christians and Jews, stated: "Since public prejudices and legal ambiguities compound the difficulty of the police officer in his dealings with persons whose sexual tendencies are out of the ordinary, this guide book may be extremely helpful."

LEGAL ENLIGHTENMENT

Philadelphia attorney Gilbert M. Cantor discussed in depth legal problems of transexuals at a March seminar for graduates of the Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and Social Research. A detailed report of his presentation appeared in the April 11, 1974, issue of THE RETAINER, sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association—supplement to THE LEGAL INTELLIGENCER. Mr. Cantor commended the pamphlets and work of EEF.

NO SEX IN NEW YORK CITY

Individuals born in New York City who have had documented sex reassignment surgery may obtain new birth certificates from the Board of Health under the new name, but without any indication of sex whatsoever. The N.Y. Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Board of Health, stating the regulating of birth certificates was solely within its jurisdiction.

There is a question in this matter of equal protection under the law inasmuch as postoperative individuals born in New York State outside New York City have obtained the new birth certificate with new name and sex recorded on it.

IN CANADA

A report on the five-year pilot project on transexualism at the Toronto Clarke Institute of Psychiatry was presented at the January meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Montreal.

Seven biological males and four biological females have undergone transexual reassignment surgery after lengthy evaluation, hormonal treatment and living and functioning successfully in the designed gender role. The results which have been found to be generally good are being studied to determine at a future date whether or not the project should be continued.

The waiting list of the Gender Identity Clinic was closed in 1970 because 88 people had already been referred there. The majority of these are still in the process of evaluation.

IN ALBERTA

The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1973, was enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to provide for the registration of change of sex on a birth certificate where sex reassignment has taken place. If the individual is registered outside Alberta, a copy of the proof of change is to be transmitted to the officer in charge of such registration elsewhere. The Act also states: "Every birth or marriage certificate issued after the making of a notation under this section shall be issued as if the registration had been made with the sex as changed."

Congratulations to Health and Social Development Minister Neil Crawford for the successful passage of this bill which he introduced.

We hope that the bill being introduced by British Columbia Health Minister Dennis Cooke will meet with equal success. The matter is under review in Saskatchewan at this time.

DEAR ABBY

Thank you for advising your correspondent, self-dubbed "Miserable" and your millions of other readers that there was help available for a person who wrote she has "breasts like a woman and the mind and emotions of a woman, yet the lower part of my anatomy is like a man. . . . I am 24 and my life has been pure hell."

By printing the address of the Erickson Educational Foundation you have contributed to our effort to enlighten the public and to bring hope as well as attention to individuals who suffer from a gender identity condition created through no fault of their own. We were glad to add secretarial help to handle the hundreds of letters that came in response, seeking information and help.

NICE GOING, NBC!

Congratulations on two fine network programs on Tom Snyder's late-night talk show, TOMORROW. In January, Dr. John Money, co-author with Dr. Anke Ehrhardt of **Man and Woman—Boy and Girl** (Johns Hopkins Press), was interviewed with Shannon, a preoperative male-to-female transexual, and Roberta, postoperative. In April, Tom interviewed Dr. Richard Green, author of **Sexual Identity Conflict in Children and Adults** (Basic Books), Dr. Norman Fisk, co-director of the Stanford Gender Identity Dysphoria Program, and Scott and Lee. The latter are two female-to-male postoperative transexuals who are establishing a rehabilitation-recuperation center for individuals going through the Stanford program.

AIR RAVES

. . . Associates of WRC-TV, Washington, D.C., reported to us that the appearance of postoperative Deborah Hartin and Jennifer Fox on an interview program on transexualism evoked one of the most favorable reactions they have had from any program. . . . Jan Morris, author of **CONUNDRUM**, was given network coverage on The Dick Cavett TV show May 16, 1974.

SEX RESEARCH LIBRARY

The Daisy Borden Harriman Library on Human Sexuality has been established in Los Angeles by the EEF-founded Institute for the Study of Human Re sources. The late Mrs. Harriman, a founding trustee of the Erickson Educational Foundation, was the first woman appointed ambassador to a foreign country (Norway, 1937-1941).

The research facility dealing with homosexuality, transvestism and transexualism, collaborates with and will be housed in the Baker Memorial Library of ONE, Inc., 2256 Venice Blvd.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

• • • EEF presented the film "I'm Something Else," followed by three transexual discussants on a panel before second-year students at Columbia-Presbyterian College of Physicians and Surgeons in January. The assembly divided in small "rap sessions" following the program.

• • • A class of second-year medical students at N. J. College of Medicine in Newark was given a presentation on transexualism with EEF cooperation in February. The following week the film "I'm Something Else" was screened there and a videotape of a discussion between four transexuals and an EEF representative was filmed for further educational purposes there.

• • • EEF cooperated in a program on transexualism as part of a postgraduate course in sexual dysfunction diagnosis and treatment given by N. Y. Medical College at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital. Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld, president of the Benjamin Gender Identity Research Foundation, was chief speaker. Dr. Ihlenfeld also recently lectured on transexualism at the Coney Island Hospital Ob/Gyn Department and presented the film "I'm Something Else."

• • • EEF presented the film, "I'm Something Else," at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock, March 12th.

HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine continuing medical education course, HUMAN SEXUALITY, was inaugurated by John Money, May 3-4 to "pioneer an acquaintance with new audio-visual materials made available through the Baltimore Human Sexuality Film Festival" in the training of members of the health care community who are called upon to provide sex counseling and to improve sex education.

The film "I'm Something Else" on transexualism, was entered in the group for screening. A distinguished panel was selected for discussion of the films and educational and therapeutic ideas.

PERMA-TWEEZE FEEDBACK

We appreciate the response to our Fall NEWSLETTER request for information on experience with this battery-powered electrolysis unit for personal use. While we have had some favorable reports we have also had some strong negative comments and feel it important to pass on the warning of Dr. Ira M. Dushoff, Chief of the Gender Identity Association in Jacksonville, Florida: "The battery power produces an uneven current, and it is possible to produce severe burns and large, ugly pits. I would definitely recommend against its use by anyone who is not an expert."

SEMINARS ON TRANSEXUALISM

The early 1974 schedule of EEF seminars included participation at Hunter College, Jersey City State College twice, N. Y. State University at Stony Brook, Kingsborough Community College, Nassau Community College, and University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. (A large number of seminars are conducted by Phyllis Saperstein, assistant to the EEF director.)

ON THE AGENDA

April 8-9-10—EEF-sponsored seminars on transexualism at Syracuse University Human Sexuality classes of Dr. Sol Gordon with Dr. Anke Ehrhardt and Dr. Paul Walker.

April 19-20—Philadelphia. Eastern meeting of Association of Humanistic Psychology—EEF participation.

April 17—EEF participation in panel on "Sexuality in Counseling Process" at New York State Regional Training Center for Drug Abuse Workers, Queens College of City University of New York.

April 22—Miami. EEF seminar at 4th Annual Institute on Police Community Relations sponsored by Natl. Conference of Christian and Jews.

April 22—Garden City, N.Y. EEF seminar at Nassau Community College.

April 24—Bayside, N.Y. Queensboro Community College, EEF seminar.

April 29—New York City. N.Y.C. EEF participation in a forum, "The Legal Problems of Transexuals," sponsored by Post-Admissions Legal Education Committee of the Bar of the City of N.Y. Panelists, Robert V. Sherwin, New York, Jedediah Mannis, Boston.

April 30—Northampton, Mass. EEF seminar at Smith College-Univ. of Mass. Human Sexuality classes.

May 6-10—Detroit. American Psychiatric Association meeting EEF participation.

May 15—Brooklyn College, EEF seminar.

June 7-9—Los Angeles. Forum on Variant Sex Behavior sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Human Resources, an EEF-established operating foundation. Program included research papers, workshop sessions and field trips to give professionals a concentrated overview of current information on some of the less well-known types of sex behavior.

August 29-Sept. 1—New Orleans. American Psychological Association meeting. EEF participation in panel discussion on transexualism. Sex Change Surgery: Clinical, Ethical and Legal Aspects.

RECOMMENDED READING

Sexual Identity Conflict in Children and Adults by Richard Green, M.D. (Basic Books, N.Y. $15.00) Clinical literature in the field has slowly been increasing since the pioneering book by Dr. Harry Benjamin, **The Transexual Phenomenon** (now out of print) was published. Acknowledging his appreciation of his association with Dr. Benjamin, Dr. John Money and Dr. Robert Stoller, Richard Green has reviewed the existing research and theories as well has his findings at the Gender Identity Research Treatment Program at UCLA. Chapters of the book include:

1. Historical and Cross-Cultural Survey
2. Psychologic Theories
3. Biologic Studies
4. Men Who Want to Become Women
5. Boyfriends and Husbands of Male-to-Female Transexuals
6. Treatment of Men Who Want to Become Women
7. Women Who Want to Become Men
8. Girlfriends and Wives of Female-to-Male Transexuals
9. Treatment of Women Who Want to Become Men
10. Feminine Boys: Behavioral Overview
11. Feminine Boys: Parental Descriptions
12. Feminine Boys: Their Stories
13. Feminine Boys: Psychologic Testing
14. "Identical" Twin Boys: One Masculine, One Feminine
15. Feminine Boys; How They Get That Way
16. Feminine Boys: Treatment
17. Masculine Girls
18. Problems for Future Research

BEING DIFFERENT: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JANE FRY. Collected, Compiled, Edited, with an Introduction and Conclusion by Robert Bogdan. (John Wiley & Sons—A Wiley Interscience Publication.)

This incisive "history" of a transexual, told in her own words to Dr. Bogdan, sociologist and assistant professor at Syracuse University Center on Human Policy, is a vivid perspective of her humiliations and hardships, sex role conflicts leading to hospitalization four times. The concluding chapter compares Jane's story with that told by official medical records, and results in two differently drawn pictures. The meaning of this conflict is discussed, with questions raised about current practices. In his Foreword to this unusual volume, Dr. Seymour Sarason of Yale University highlights what it has to offer. "Dr. Bogdan has provided us with a commentary on various aspects of American society and culture . . . (it) will surely deepen comprehension of how our culture exacerbates the consequences of what it views as atypical."

REQUIRED READING

CONUNDRUM

By Jan Morris

FROM JAMES TO JAN—an extraordinary personal narrative of transsexualism (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich)

Internationally known, prize-winning British journalist and author James Morris, scooped the world press in his partial climb of Mt. Everest with Hillary and Tensing for the London TIMES. Following years of struggle to escape from the feeling of being in the wrong sex, a talented writer in her new, chosen identity has contributed an important chapter in psychosexual annals.

Unable to get help in England, the author became a patient of Dr. Harry Benjamin in New York and began the years of hormone treatment and transition which culminated in surgery. During this period she became acutely conscious of the specific qualities distinguishing the masculine and feminine structure. The articulate and sensitive account of the subtle changes experienced psychologically as well as physiologically by a person who has lived as both a man and a woman is uniquely revealing.

CONUNDRUM REVIEWED

• • • *JAMES AND JAN—A remarkable explorer in the passage from one sex to another* by David Holden, N.Y. TIMES Magazine, March 17, 1974. This outstanding lead article by a London TIMES correspondent about his long-time friend, James Morris, is a sensitive, comprehensive study that has already made a deep impression on a large segment of the public mind concerning the transexual dilemma.

• • • *Anatomy v. Destiny.* TIME, April 22, 1974. Favorable commentary.

• • • *Across the Frontiers of Sex,* NEWSWEEK Ideas Dept. April 1, 1974, reviewed the story of Jan Morris and included an interview with Dr. Donald Hastings of the University of Minnesota Hospital. While we appreciate the favorable coverage of the book, we regret that the extensive time-consuming interviews with Dr. Harry Benjamin, and his research associates Virginia Allen, Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld, Dr. Paul Walker, Dr. Donald Laub, EEF and others were not credited in any way. It is not the first time that representatives of news magazine media have taken an enormous amount of professionals' time uselessly. Complaints have reached us and it can only result in further reluctance to give interviews.

• • • The large number of other reviews being given to **CONUNDRUM,** we know, will help in creating the proper understanding of transexuals as worthwhile individuals with a serious problem to handle.

RECENTLY IN PRINT

• • • *Transsexuals—Despising their genitals and social roles, they are men who want to be women, women who want to be men*, by Terri Schultz, PENTHOUSE, January, 1974.

• • • *Children's Quest for Sexual Identity* by Richard Green, PSYCHOLOGY TODAY, February, 1974.

• • • *Prisoners of Sex*, TIME, January, 1974.

• • • *Transsexuals: Legal Considerations*, by John Holloway, ARCHIVES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, January, 1974.

• • • *Fetal Hormones, the Brain and Human Sex Differences: A Heuristic, Integrative Review of the Recent Literature* by June Reinisch, ARCHIVES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, January, 1974. (Ms. Reinisch is an EEF grantee in a research study of the effect of prenatally administered progestins on IQ, gender identity, etc., in connection with 58 families—approximately 145 children. EEF seed money bloomed into additional grants from the Ford Foundation and the National Institute of Education. Collected data is now in process of analysis.

• • • *Thoughts on the Treatment of Transsexuals* by Charles L. Ihlenfeld, M.D. JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOTHERAPY, Winter 1973. (Reprint available to professionals from EEF Baton Rouge office.)

• • • *The Truth about Transexuals*, CLEO, March, 1974. Published in Sydney, Australia.

• • • *Crossing the Sex Barrier* by Donald C. Drake, SATURDAY REVIEW/WORLD, April 20, 1974. Sympathetic report on transexualism and its problems; interviews include EEF.

• • • *Conversation with John Money*, OUI, May, 1974. James Lincoln Collier asking questions about male and female sex and gender differences, and otherwise. Don't miss it!

IN THE PRESS

. . . *Sex and the Single Transsexual* by Jerry Parker, Miami HERALD **TROPIC,** October 14, 1973.

. . . *Sex Change Surgery Set in Local Hospital* by John Phelps, Norfolk, Va., LEDGER-STAR, Oct. 30, 1973.

. . . *An Operation Changed a Life—Sex Change Operation* by Carol Suplee, Willingboro, N.J., BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES **ACCENT,** Dec. 9, 1973.

. . . *Transexuals Air Their Needs in Group Therapy* by Kay Bradley, New York DAILY NEWS, Dec. 13, 1973. Visit at one of the monthly Sunday sessions conducted by Dr. Leo Wollman, Brooklyn, N.Y.

. . . *Vickie Finds Problems Changing Her Way of Life—She was Father of Two* by George Newman, San Jose, Calif. MERCURY-NEWS, Jan. 6, 1974.

IN THE PRESS *(continued)*

. . . *CSUS Prof's Book Analyzes Those Who Change Sex—Transexuals Studied* by Ted Fourkas, SACRAMENTO BEE, Jan. 12, 1974. Interview and comment on **Sex Change, the Achievement of Gender Identity Among Feminized Transexuals** by Thomas Kando, Associate Professor of Sociology. (Charles C. Thomas—Publisher, Springfield, Ill. 62717. $7.50.)

. . . *40 Dallasites Undergo Sex Change*, Series by Joe Taylor, Dallas TIMES HERALD, Jan. 21, 1974.

. . . *Transexual Surgery Performed on 11 in Toronto Pilot Project* by Joan Hollobon. Toronto GLOBE & MAIL, Jan. 26, 1974. Report of Clarke Institute of Psychiatry team at annual meeting of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

. . . *Transsexual's Decision to End a Secret Life—Masquerade Became Intolerable* by Paul Branzburg, Detroit, Mich., FREE PRESS, Jan. 30, 1974.

. . . *For 20 Years John Was a Fraud—Now He's Jane and Happy—Almost* by Paul Branzburg, Philadelphi INQUIRER, Feb. 10, 1974.

. . . *Prisoner Inside Man's Body—Trumbullite Has Sex Change* by Jill Amadio, Norwalk, Conn. CONNECTICUT SUNDAY HERALD, Feb. 24, 1974.

. . . *Medical Conference Told: Sex-Change Seems to be Successful Therapy.* San Jose, Calif. MERCURY, March 5, 1974. Report of Richard Green at California Medical Association meeting.

. . . *A Day at Chicago's Sex-Change Clinic* by Sandra Pesmen, Chicago DAILY NEWS, March 8, 1974. Report on semi-monthly talk session at Cook County Hospital Fantas Health Center.

. . . *Paula Grossman Remains Combative in Fight for Job—The Battle Has Been Futile So Far* by Monica Maske, Newark, N.J. STAR-LEDGER, March 10, 1974.

. . . *Counseling Plays Pivotal Role in Presurgery Treatment—Clinic for Transsexuals Steers a Careful Course*, Newark, N.J. STAR-LEDGER, March 13, 1974.

. . . *Italy Rules Sex-Change Surgery Legal*, San Francisco CHRONICLE, March 25, 1974. Milan Court rules operation not a crime.

. . . *Trapped in the Wrong Sex* by Wendy Cooper, London, England, SUNDAY MIRROR, March 25, 1973. (A little delayed in being reported here, but it is a comprehensive overview of the subject and of the London Gender Identity Unit at the New Charing Cross Hospital in Fulham.)

. . . *Most Sex-Change Patients in French Gynecologists' Clinic Are Americans* by Michael Goldsmith. Rome (Italy) DAILY AMERICAN, February or March, 1974. Casablanca interview with Dr. Georges Burou

VOICE IMPROVEMENT

It is gratifying to note widening of interest in this area of concern in the transexual dilemma. A paper was presented by Dr. Sandra Freeman and Barbara Clayman, "Voice Problems of the Male-to-Female Client," at the March annual meeting of the Eastern Communications Association.

One interesting item these speech specialists have told us is that the average human voice range is two octaves. It has been found that the average male confines his voice range to one octave whereas the female is more inclined to use the full range of the speaking voice scale. What is your scope?

"OUT OF THE MOUTHS . . ."

Martha, a postoperative male-to-female transexual, reported this incident which may be helpful to other families. Her parents, although reconciled to her sex reassignment, were concerned about her 8-year-old sister's reaction to the change in her 19-year-old sibling.

A playmate was visiting one day and Martha's mother overheard this conversation:

"How can that be your sister when it was your brother?" asked the visitor.

"It used to be my brother," replied the youngster calmly, "but she's my sister. She should have been my sister all the time."

"Oh," was the satisfied reaction. No more was said about it as the children continued playing.

FOR REFERRAL

We are always seeking to increase our list of sympathetic physicians and other members of the health and helping professions who are willing to assist individuals with psychosexual problems. We shall be glad to receive any names suggested by readers and to mail our professional material to them.

THUMBS UP

Complimented COSMOPOLITAN Magazine's **Cosmo Tells All** Department . . . "To Dr. Leo Wollman, who conducts seminars for transexuals."

TAPE FOR TVs

A new hour-long interview audio cassette, THE MALE TRANSVESTITE, is now available. Director of CONFIDE, a counseling service, Garrett Oppenheim, and his associate, Fae Robin, discuss questions most often asked by transvestites. For information write CONFIDE, Box 56-DGC, Tappan, N.Y. 10983. $12.

HAIR REMOVAL PROBLEM HELPED

A statement from amazed New York electrologist Nicholas Fritzlo led to our investigating the validated cases of two of his transexual clients.

Preoperative Linda wrote us in part: "This is to inform you of the results of prayer on the facial hair of myself, one other male to female transexual, and one genetic female. Due to financial results I had to quit my electrolysis treatments a year ago, still needing fifty minutes a week. I decided to turn to God. Since then, the facial hair has become very fine, lighter, and less in quantity with no 'shadow,' needing only occasional plucking.

"After 'prayer' for a genetic woman with hirsutism, who had a heavy growth of hair on her chin, the woman now shaves only every other day and the hair is still becoming less in quantity and lighter.

"All prayer, with the exception of myself, was through the laying on of hands on the individual."

Reverend Linda S. Duncan, who is an ordained minister, is willing to hear from those who will write her c/o EEF Baton Rouge office enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

There are other methods which can be used for spiritual healing. It is not always necessary for the subject to be present with the healer.

OUT OF SIGHT

Anyone who is interested in participating in an experiment with similar unorthodox methods of healing or dealing with human problems, may write to EEF Baton Rouge office, **Attention Dept. SH.**

PROGRESS

The expanded size of this issue of our NEWSLETTER is obviously due to the increased press and publication coverage on the subject of transexualism. It is another gratifying manifestation of progress toward our goals in public enlightenment.

During one recent week EEF New York office was interviewed in connection with forthcoming news stories in the VILLAGE VOICE, CHANGING TIMES and the New York POST. To paraphrase an historical exclamation: "Let the public be educated!"

IF YOU MOVE

Please send us your new address together with the old one, if you wish to continue receiving the NEWSLETTER. This will help curtail the enormous cost involved in paying the "return postage guaranteed," prevent possible loss in the mail, and assure your continued receipt of the NEWSLETTER, now published semi-annually.

HEALING

There is a current widening of public attention focused on mental control of the body. One of the EEF areas of interest is the field of unorthodox healing methods. A growing community of scientists and medical practitioners are involved in researching the frontiers of the mind. Reports on ongoing research at the Menninger Foundation, UCLA Neurosychiatric Institute as well as other centers are presented at symposiums of the Academy of Parapsychology and Medicine as well as other workshops and conferences held in various areas of the country.

Further information in this connection is available from EEF Baton Rouge office.

SLIPPERY ROCK AGAIN

Last year the Health Science Department of Slippery Rock State College, Pa. enlisted EEF help in organizing the August week-long workshop on homosexuality and transexualism. This year we have been happy to cooperate with them in helping to organize their Psychic Phenomenon Paranormal Healing Workshop, August 5-9, and to participate in the August 9th presentation of the topic "Utilizing Inner Space."

For information on attending the workshop write Health Science Department, Slippery Rock State College, Slippery Rock, Pa. 16057.

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